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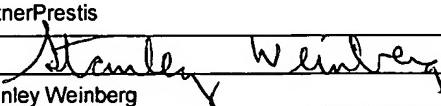
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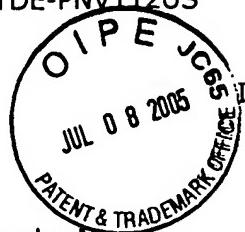
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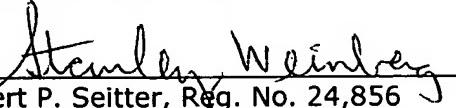
Claim 1 is a method claim. It does not recite "a force applying means coupled to the photosensor and the fiber optic unit for applying a compression force to the joint substantially in an axial direction of the fiber optic unit."

Claim 10 does not recite "to strengthen the bond between the fiber optic unit and the photosensor."

Claim 16 does not recite "a force applying means." It recites "a force applying apparatus." Claim 16 also does not recite "to strengthen the bond between the fiber optic unit and the photosensor."

Claim 18 is a method claim. It does not recite "a force applying means coupled to the photosensor and the fiber optic unit for applying a compression force to the joint substantially in an axial direction of the fiber optic unit to strengthen the bond between the fiber optic unit and the photosensor."

Respectfully submitted,

  
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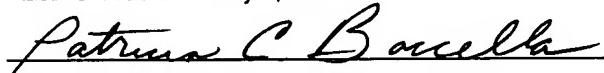
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